



# San Diego City Attorney Jan I. Goldsmith

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### **Deputy City Attorney Nicholas Thomo Named MADD 2014 Outstanding Prosecutor of the Year** *MADD recognizes commitment to prosecuting those guilty of DUI*

Deputy City Attorney Nicholas Thomo today was named Mothers Against Drunk Driving's Outstanding Prosecutor of the Year for 2014 for his exceptional accomplishments prosecuting Driving Under the Influence (DUI) cases.

In just two years at the City Attorney's Office, Thomo has tried 20 DUI jury trials without a single acquittal. He excels at conveying the science of DUIs to the jury in an understandable way.

Thomo has also had great success with prosecuting DUI cases where the defendant claims not to have been the driver. For instance, *People v. Larkin* (M176629) was a "driving issue" DUI in which a San Diego Police Officer found the defendant sleeping in his vehicle in a parking lot. The witness to the defendant's driving was never identified. More than one hour after driving, the defendant had a blood alcohol level of 0.21%. At trial, the defendant testified that someone else had been driving. After a devastating cross examination by Thomo, the jury found the defendant guilty.

Most recently in *People v. Hughes* (M189345), Thomo secured guilty verdicts on another "driving issue" DUI that also involved a hit-and-run charge. The defendant and his passenger testified that the passenger was actually driving the vehicle. Due to Thomo's skillful presentation of the evidence and cross-examination of defense witnesses, the defendant was found guilty by the jury.

Thomo is passionate about prosecuting DUI offenders and keeping the public safe from those who choose to drink and drive. He approaches his work with the utmost patience, integrity, diligence, and fortitude. Thomo's tireless work ethic and tenacious dedication to duty ensure that DUI offenders are held accountable in the City of San Diego.

**"Driving under the influence claims thousands of lives each year." said City Attorney Jan Goldsmith. "Our office prosecuted thousands of DUI cases last year with a conviction rate of more than 99%. Deputy City Attorney Nick Thomo played a vital part in our efforts to reduce the number of alcohol-related crashes, injuries, and fatalities in the City of San Diego. MADD could not have picked a better Prosecutor of the Year."**

EDITORS: A photo of Nicholas S. Thomo is attached for your use  
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